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In re Application of Hickman et al. Application No. 08/798,703 Filed: February 12, 1997 Attorney Docket No. NEO1P010A SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFICE DAC FOR PATENTS ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed August 9, 1999 (Certificate of Mailing Date of August 6, 1999), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the Office action mailed June 23, 1998. A response was due on or before September 23, 1998. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on September 24, 1998.

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 2700.

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